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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RECIPIENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOGNITION AWARD

CHARLESTON, IL--Nine area students are the recipients of special education recognition awards from Eastern Illinois University. The awards recognize students who have demonstrated superior scholarship, leadership and service in the area of special education.

Debra Belleau, daughter of Harold and Donna Garwood of Ridge Farm, is a 1971 graduate of Ridge Farm Township High School. Belleau was a senior majoring in special education during the fall semester at EIU.

Joyce Eident, a 1968 graduate of Ritenour High School in St. Louis County, MO, was a graduate student majoring in early childhood special education during the fall semester at EIU.

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SPECIAL ED

Michelle Sidenstricker, daughter of Sandra Harwood and John Sidenstricker of Charleston, is a 1990 graduate of Charleston High School. Sidenstricker was a junior majoring in special education with elementary education during the fall semester at EIU.

John Stewart, son of Carol Stewart of Charleston, is a 1990 graduate of Charleston High School. Stewart was a junior majoring in special education during the fall semester at EIU.

Lori Vail, daughter of Richard and Lula Vail of Charleston, is a 1990 graduate of Charleston High School. Vail was a junior majoring in special education with early childhood option during the fall semester at EIU.

Patrice Clark, daughter of Robert and Sally Clark of Mattoon, is a 1989 graduate of Mattoon Senior High School. Clark was a senior majoring in special education with early childhood option during the fall semester at EIU.

Amy Diepholz, daughter of Mike and Chris Diepholz of Mattoon, is a 1988 graduate of Mattoon High School. Diepholz was a senior majoring in special education during the fall semester at EIU.

Connie Huffman, daughter of Bud and Betty Miller of Mattoon, is a 1978 graduate of Mattoon Senior High School. Huffman graduated from Eastern in December with a Master of Science in Education degree.

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SPECIAL ED

Sandi Polk, daughter of Steve and Linda Barrett of Chrisman, is a 1982 graduate of Paris High School. Polk was a senior majoring in special education during the fall semester at EIU.

Eastern, located in Charleston, places its highest priority on excellence in teaching in its classrooms and laboratories, supplemented by strong academic support services.